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S. RES. 375

Supporting the efforts of Bolivia's democratically elected government.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 12 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 22), 2000

Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. HELMS, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. GRAHAM) submitted the the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Supporting the efforts of Bolivia's democratically elected government.

Whereas the stability of democracy in Latin America and the eradication of illegal narcotics from the Andean nations are vital national security interests of the United States;

Whereas the democratically elected Government of Bolivia has taken dramatic steps to eradicate illegal narcotics under the Dignity Plan, resulting in the elimination of 80 percent of the illegal coca crop in just two years, a record of achievement unmatched worldwide;

Whereas the Government of Bolivia is now approaching the completion of coca eradication in the Chapare and will begin eradication operations in the Yungas regions in 2002;

Whereas there are indications that narcotics traffickers from outside Bolivia are stepping up efforts to keep a foothold in Bolivia by agitating among the rural poor and indigenous populations, creating civil disturbances, blockading roads, organizing strikes and protests, and taking actions designed to force the Government of Bolivia to abandon its aggressive counter narcotics campaign; and

Whereas the government of Bolivian President Hugo Banzer Suarez has shown remarkable restraint in dealing with the protesters through dialogue and openness while respecting human rights: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That (a) the Senate calls upon the Govern-
 2 ment of Bolivia to continue its successful program of coca
 3 eradication and looks forward to the Government of Bo-
 4 livia achieving its commitment to the total eradication of
 5 illegal coca in Bolivia by the end of 2002.

6 (b) It is the sense of the Senate that—

7 (1) the United States, as a full partner in Bo-
 8 livia's efforts to build democracy, to eradicate illegal
 9 narcotics, and to reduce poverty through develop-
 10 ment and economic growth, should fully support the
 11 democratically elected Government of Bolivia;

12 (2) the release of emergency supplemental as-
 13 sistance already approved by the United States for
 14 sustainable development activities in Bolivia should
 15 be accelerated;

16 (3) on a priority basis, the President should
 17 look for additional ways to provide increased tan-

1 gible support to the people and Government of Bo-
2 livia;

3 (4) the Government of Bolivia should continue
4 to respect the human rights of all of its citizens and
5 continue to discuss legitimate concerns of Bolivia's
6 rural population; and

7 (5) indigenous leaders should enter into discus-
8 sions with the government on issues of concern and
9 cease provocative acts that could lead to escalating
10 violence.

11 SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit
12 a copy of this resolution to the President.

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